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The New Deal

The Great Depression and World War II (1929–1945)

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By the end of this section, you will be able to answer the following key questions about the Second New Deal:

- What was the Second New Deal?
- What were some major programs in the Second New Deal?
- How were unions affected by the New Deal?
- How were women and minorities affected by the New Deal?









The economy had improved by 1935, but the depression was far from over.

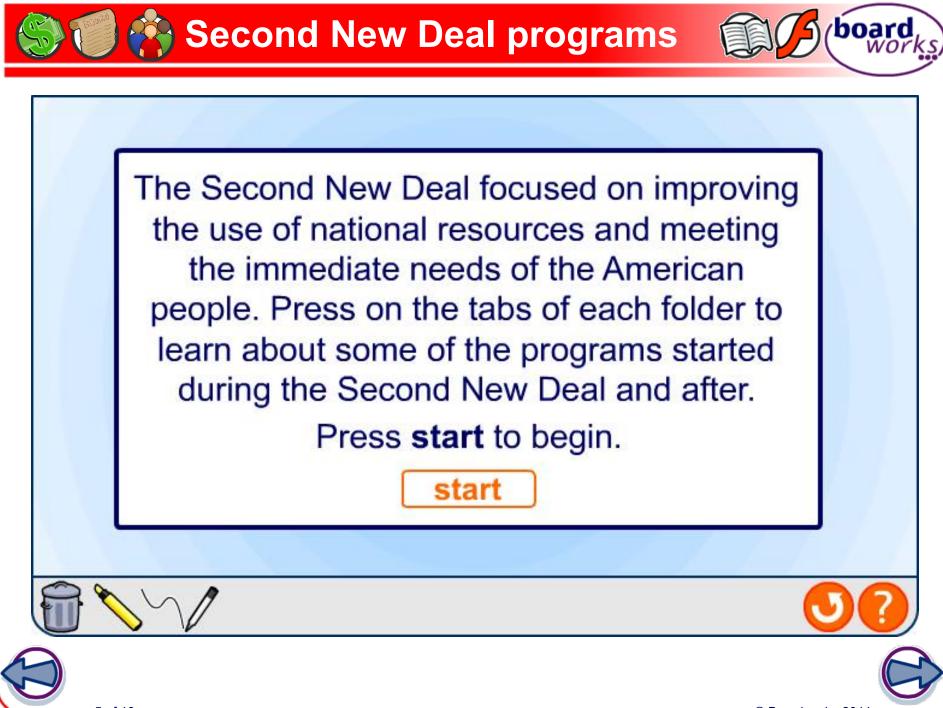
Encouraged by First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt, FDR launched the Second New Deal, or Second Hundred Days.

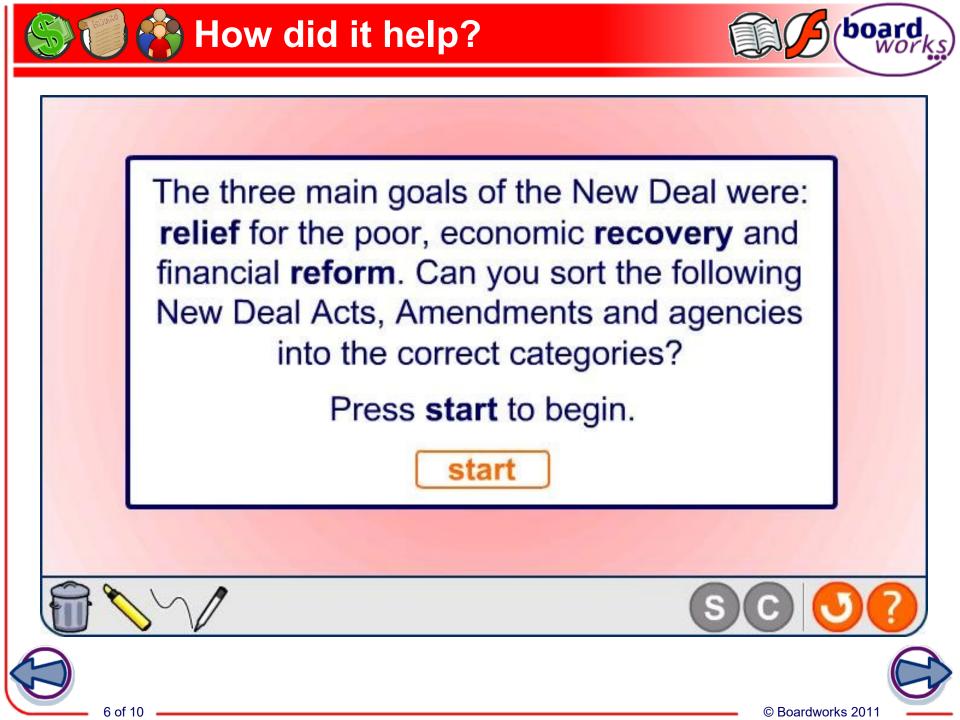
Eleanor Roosevelt was a social reformer and feminist. During FDR's time in office, she redefined the role of First Lady by giving all-female press conferences, speaking domestically and abroad and writing articles for multiple publications.













Between 1933 and 1941, union membership exploded from 3 million to over 10 million.

Rather than unionizing a specific profession, some argued that workers should form industry-wide unions to bargain more effectively.

In 1938, these unions split from the American Federation of Labor (AFL) to form the **Congress of Industrial Organizations (CIO)**.

A popular form of protest became the **sit-down strike**. By occupying a factory, strikers prevented bosses from bringing in new workers to break the strike.

















The election of 1936 was an overwhelming victory for Roosevelt and the New Deal.

It marked the first time in history that the majority of black voters voted Democrat, and the first time labor unions gave their united support to a presidential candidate.

1936 marked the creation of the **New Deal coalition**: a diverse group of voters that supported the Democrats through the 1930s and '40s.









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